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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the below-identified pending utility or plant application:

Serial No.: 09/171 399

Filing Date: October 16, 1998

Title:

SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS, FIBER AND PRODUCT

TREATED WITH THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

Inventors:

(1) Masahiro SANO, (2) Takaharu YASUE and

(3) Fumioki FUKATSU

Group:

1751

Examiner:

Einsmann

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1.	Submission	required	under	37	C.F.R.	\$1.114
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a.	[]	An amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on
		was not entered. Please enter
		before calculating the filing fee.

- [X] Enclosed is/are: b.
 - [X] Amendment/Response (please enter before calculating the filing fee)
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ii.
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iii. []
 - Acknowledgment Post Card iv. [X]

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Miscellaneous

- a. [] Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 - [] Statement(s) re small entity is/are enclosed.
- b. []
- 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).
 - a. [X] The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

	No.	No.	(X)	RATE	()			
For	Filed	Extra	LG Entity		SM Entity	Fee		
Basic RCE Fee			\$770.00		\$385.00	\$770.00		
Total Claims	(8 - 20) = 0	x \$ 18.00		x \$ 9.00			
Indep. Claims	(2 - 3)	3 = 0	x \$ 86.00		x \$ 43.00			
[] Multiple D	ep. Claim	ı	+ \$290.00		+ \$145.00			
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *								

- b. [] Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three months. The extension fee is:
 - [] \$ (37 C.F.R. §1.17)
 - [] \$ (37 C.F.R. §1.17; small entity status established by verified statement(s) submitted previously).
- c. [X] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$130.00 (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).
- d. [X] A check for \$900.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$_____. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- f. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 associated with this communication or to

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credit any overpay to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The undersigned is: [X] an attorney of record

[] acting under 37 C.F.R. §1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

FLYNN, THIEL, BOUTELL & TANIS, P.C.

IN DUPLICATE

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Encl: Listed above

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